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(37 CFR 1.97(e))**

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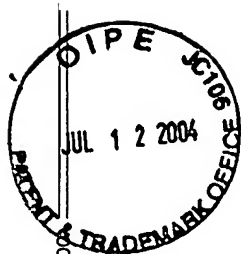
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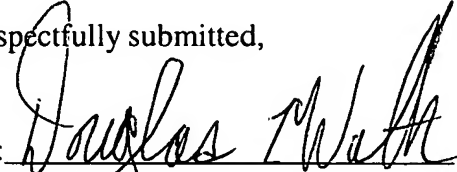
Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. The above-referenced application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application 10/637,938, filed August 9, 2003, which is a continuation-in-art of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/993,137, filed November 16, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/979,415, now abandoned, which is a U.S. National Phase of PCT/US99/19245, filed June 11, 1999. U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/993,137 is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/602,189, filed June 12, 20002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,405,403, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/094,551, filed June 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,298,517. U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/637,938 also claims priority from U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/436,031, filed December 23, 2002. The present application also claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/456,380, filed March 21, 2003. U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/993,137, in turn, claims priority from U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/311,463, filed August 11, 2001, and U.S. provisional patent application Serial N. 60/260,969, filed January 10, 2001. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the listed references are not required.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other possible material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) exists.

Respectfully submitted,

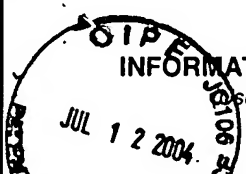
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		EP 0 202 113 A1	5/1986	Europe			✓	
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